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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIOs, AG, CAR & SWS

1. Because we are not having a staff meeting today, I thought you should be aware of the following announced on Monday.
2. Effective on Wednesday, Bob Gates will be leaving reluctantly to become Director of something called the DCI's Executive Staff. This position will combine the responsibilities that he and [] formerly had plus some additional tasks that clearly need doing. While I regret very much Bob's sudden departure, I recognize that the job badly needs doing and he is the ideal person for it.
3. A notice will be out shortly describing a reorganization of NFIB. In essence, NFIB itself will be reduced to its membership of a few years back. It will deal with substantive matters and will meet regularly every other week at a set time and place. This should help us to move estimates along. A new body, the National Foreign Intelligence Council (sic), will include the present membership of NFIB and will meet perhaps quarterly to deal with priorities, requirements, etc. The DCI committees will continue but will be reporting in some manner to NFIB. All of this presumably will be clarified by the notice, which I have not seen.
4. For those of you who were aware that it was alive, APEX is now dead. Requiescat in pace.

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